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¶1. (C//NF) USEU EconOff on June 27 delivered USG non-paper to Paul Weissenberg, Director of the Aerospace, GMES, Security, and Defense Directorate in the European Commission's Directorate General for Enterprise.

Weissenberg was very appreciative of the notification, explaining that it is good to know what steps the U.S. is taking with China as pertains to space cooperation. He considers the U.S. decision to limit the cooperative efforts to initial talks of basic science with no intention of technology transfer very intelligent. He is very wary of China, which he called very "intelligent and populous," and its intentions to reverse engineer technologies it acquires.

¶2. (C//NF) Weissenberg explained that after the summer he expects to update the U.S. on the status of European Cooperation with China. He added that currently China plays only a very small role in European space efforts, as the U.S. and Russia clearly are Europe's primary partners. Specifically, with Galileo, China is very "irritated" it has been "relegated to economy class" and continues to push to be upgraded. However, unless there is a large political change in Europe, China will remain a very small partner on Galileo.

¶3. (SBU) Weissenberg stated that he will contact USEU if he has further questions or comments.

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